

Joannes Park Neighborhood Association
General meeting January 22, 2013

Call to Order

Guest Speakers

- David Schmitz (sick) and Melanie Czypinski – Neighborhood Watch program
- Crime prevention coordinator – Melanie
 - Description
 - NW tends to be smaller than NHA; for example, one street or block
 - More casual than NHA
 - No bylaws
 - No mission statement
 - People often times confuse a neighborhood associate and neighborhood watch; they are separate entities that work together
 - Example: a neighborhood watch is confidential; a neighborhood association wants their name out and to let people know they are active in the neighborhood
 - Main emphasis – getting to know your neighbors to prevent crime
 - “Eyes and ears” of the neighborhood
 - Assist the police department who can’t be everywhere
 - Boundaries are loosely defined; up to the NW to define the boundary. Can be a whole block or a number block of a street
 - More of a focus on keeping the group smaller so all members can communicate with each other
 - NW is encouraged to call in things to GBPD – better to call in something minor than to have something happen and nobody noticed or cared enough to call in
 - Encourages interaction between NHA and NW
 - Prefer to be proactive with watches, not wait for something to trigger the desire for a watch
 - Melanie can hold a separate meeting to organize a NW and target people interesting in participating
 - Note: Don is working on our newsletter; several people in NHA are interested in NW. Don can be contacted to include information in newsletter

Walnut/Baird Improvements

- Kristin Romanowitz - City of Green Bay – Discussion of Improvements on Walnut and Baird
- Intersection of Baird and Walnut has seen increased traffic
 - Issues of function and safety
 - City considered a roundabout
 - Hired a consultant to do a study; would a roundabout be feasible?
- It was determined that it would be a good option, in regards to safety and functionality
 - Discovered to be too expensive to build
 - Looking to have it set up similar to now – traffic in 4 directions
 - Change the signals – current are pretimed – always waiting 90 seconds, no matter what the traffic patterns are occurring “actuated”
- Can include a left turn only signal
 - Current signal is at the end of its lifetime anyway, might as well upgrade
- Lanes coming in and out of intersection
 - There are very distinct patterns going in and coming out of the schools
 - Having specific left turn lanes will help decrease the wait times at busy times
 - Will help with safety for other vehicles and pedestrians

- Aesthetics
 - Colored concrete to add definition to the cross walks in the intersection
 - Opportunities for beautification are available
 - Redevelopment authority owns the lots across from East High School
- Timing would be the summer, outside of the school year
- Question about share lanes
 - They will exist after improvement; more signage is an option
 - There will be a learning curve; frequent street users will learn and adapt
- Discussion of parents/busses dropping students off on the street vs the proper parking lot
- Note for the city: intersections of Baird and Crooks and Baird and Chicago is nearly impossible to cross during school drop off or pick up times
 - No crossing guards on Baird – closest are on the corners of Mason/Roosevelt and Main/Baird – crossing guards on Baird would be beneficial
 - School topics will be brought up with the school district
- Overall view is that there is room for improvement and this plan will address the problems. There was support for the proposed changes but input is appreciated and considered
- The planning commission cannot change the school's parking areas or their policies of changing drop off/pickups – the school's property is out of the city's concern.
 - City also cannot take away from Joanne's Park for parking or drop off improvements
 - If the city proceeds with the improvements, let traffic come to an equilibrium before we bring concerns regarding other intersections. There is a good chance that changes at one intersection will continue to the others.
- Lots that the city purchased on the corner of Walnut and Baird – no parts of these lots will be utilized for this improvement project
- East High School's fine arts program is a good place for the NHA to look to for beautification and improvements to this lot

Roll Call

- P – Mike Erickson - ex
- VP – Shawn Kassien - p
- Treasurer – Joy Haupt – p
- Secretary – Amanda Johnson - P
- Board Members
 - Nick Johnson - P
 - (4 vacant spots)

Mission Statement

Review and Approval of Previous meeting minutes

- Move to approve – Amanda
- 2nd – Joy and Rick – carries

Treasurer's Report

- January – balance \$1,274.43 – no change from last month
- December – balance \$1,274.43 – no change from the past month
- Annual Report
- August 1 – December 31st
- We earned \$274.43 through fundraising
- Donations – city operating grant of \$1,000

President's Report

- Mike is recovering from surgery – he is doing well ☺

Committee Reports

- Fundraising
 - Several large events coming up:
 - Sock Hop – May 4th at the shelter in Joanne's Park
 - Will be from 3-6 pm
 - We do not have a lot of money into this event; there will be concessions available and no admission to enter
 - We want to get an idea of how many people wish to be involved with events such as this
 - Clean up at the park will also be that day from 9am – 12:00 pm
 - Brat fry – projected to be in June, but Copps will not let us schedule until March
 - Dog Wash – July 27th – at Main St. Grooming 10 am – 2 pm
 - July 13th – 9-noon – cleanup in the park
 - September 7th – final cleanup in the park
 - Breakfast in the park 9/7
 - volunteers can enjoy breakfast in the park, then clean up the park
 - This is a volunteer appreciation event, as well
 - Volunteers will be needed for ALL events; please spread the word and come join the association!
- Newsletter
 - Don needs articles and contributions
 - There is a wish to have the newsletter in early February
 - Get items to Don – including pictures!

Open Issues

- No new issues

New Business

- The neighborhood sign was approved at the city counsel meeting to be placed at the Mason St. intersection
- Thank you to the city for a quick and effective resolution on the Amber alert issued for a lost boy last week!

Next meeting

- February 26th at 6:30 pm
- Move to adjourn – Amanda
 - Second – Don
 - Motion carries